

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application:       A. YAMAMOTO et al  
                          Serial No. 09/544,853  
                          Filed:    April 6, 2000

Group Art Unit:         2186  
Examiner:               D. Robertson  
For:                     CACHE CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.